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DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: Board of Speech Pathology, Audiology and Hearing Aid

Dispensers

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room B second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED August 12, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT

Illene Courtright, Professional Member, President Dr. Michael Michelli, Professional Member Regina Bilton, Professional Member Carol Guilbert, Public Member George Christensen, Public Member Maisha Britt, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Shauna Slaughter, Administrative Specialist II Kay Warren, Deputy Director

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Mary Ann Connolly-Gaskin, Professional Member, Secretary Dr. Jennifer Xenakes, Professional Member

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Courtright called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the June 10, 2009 meeting. Mr. Christensen made a motion, seconded by Dr. Michelli, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINSHED BUSINESS

Review Strategic Plan

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The Board requested to add the topics of SLPAs and Telepractice to their strategic plan. Ms. Heeney will update the Board's strategic plan as requested and provide the new plan for review at the next meeting.

Joint Sunset Committee – Legislative Discussion

Ms. Slaughter advised the board that SB 170 passed and is waiting for the Governor's signature.

NEW BUSINESS

Review Permanent Speech Pathologist Applications

The Board reviewed Melissa Shumate's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Melanie Hill's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Gladys Marcum's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Diana Florez's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Donna Ortelli's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Linda Jopling's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Tashima Nicholson's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Aline Holler's application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Lindsay Charles' application for a permanent speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Temporary Speech Pathologist Application

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The Board reviewed Colleen McConnell's application for a temporary speech pathologist license. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Permanent Audiologist Application

The Board reviewed Paula Moore's application for a permanent audiologist license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Temporary Hearing Aid Dispenser Application

The Board reviewed Craig Di Pasquale's application for a temporary hearing aid dispenser license. Dr. Michelli made a motion, seconded by Ms. Guilbert, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests for Inactive Status

The Board reviewed a request to place Frank Divita's hearing aid dispenser license on inactive status. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed a request to place Christine Blazier's speech/language pathologist license on inactive status. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed a request to place Mary Ann Rothfus' hearing aid dispenser license on inactive status. Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to approve the request. Motion unanimously carried.

Assign Complaint

Ms. Bilton agreed to be the board contact for Complaint # 30-02-09.

Review of Continuing Education Activities

There were no continuing education activities for review.

Other Business before the Board

Ms. Slaughter advised the Board that with SB 170 being approved they need to revise their regulations to align with the new statute. Ms. Heeney said she will work on the necessary language changes and provide a draft for the Board to review and discuss at the August meeting.

Correspondence

Request to Review Foreign Credentialing Information for Adriana Esther Puga

The Board reviewed the foreign credentialing information submitted for Adriana Esther Puga. They determined that the documentation appears to be sufficient for foreign credentialing, but Ms. Puga still needs to submit her official transcript and meet all other licensing requirements. Due to the fact

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that the Board's regulations and statute do not clearly address the requirements for foreign applicants and foreign credentialing, the Board requested to add this issue to their strategic plan.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Scheduled Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Ms. Guilbert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Christensen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shauna Slaughter

Administrative Specialist II

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